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MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

Welcome, Young Warriors!

As usual, there is a lot going on in the exciting world of Masters of the Universe. Many of you have written to me expressing praise for the action-packed and colourful adventures presented so far in our comic. I want to thank you for your letters of encouragement. In return, I can promise that we have even more dynamic and explosive stories in the pipeline.

Quite a lot of you have asked about He-Man's twin sister, SHE-RA. Well, Young Warriors, I have good news for you. In the not too distant future we will be featuring a SHE-RA adventure... and we have an extra special way to introduce her... but you will have to wait and see for yourselves!

This issue has the second part of a three-part serial called The Forgotten Army. Let me know what you think of this type of story. Would you like longer stories... or are you happy with the way things are?

Scrollos

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STRANGE UNIVERSE

THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE!
When we hear a sound we are actually hearing ***air moving!*** *Sound is nothing more than vibrating air... if we were in a vacuum (an airless space) we would hear nothing!*

METEOR BRIGHTNESS!
Although most meteors are very small (no more than tiny specks of dust), some have been known to be both big and very bright. If a meteor the size of an average walnut was to hit the atmosphere is would become as bright as a full moon!

LOST IN SPACE!
We orbit a star called the Sun which is part of a galaxy known as the Milky Way! The Milky Way in turn is one of an estimated 100 ***billion*** *(100,000,000,000,000!) galaxies! It equals less than one-trillionth of the Universe! Imagine having 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 grains of sand. Our entire galaxy would equal one grain!*

HYDROGEN, HYDROGEN, EVERYWHERE!
All matter is composed out of elements (collections of atoms). The most abundant element in the Universe is hydrogen. In fact, it is so abundant that 73% of ***everything*** *in the Universe is hydrogen!*

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THE FORGOTTEN ARMY PART TWO

POLK, AN EVIL MAGICIAN, HAS USED HIS POWERS TO RAISE AN ARMY FROM ETERNIA'S PAST AND GIVE THEM SOME OF THE POWERS OF BOTH THE HEROIC AND EVIL WARRIORS! WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE POLK WAS ABOUT TO LOSE HIS HOLD OVER THE WARRIORS HE USED A TIME BOMB TO SEND THE WARRIORS BACK IN TIME ...

HE, HE. WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A POINT IN TIME BEFORE CASTLE GRAYSKULL HAS BEEN BUILT! IF WE CAN DEFEAT THE ELDERS BEFORE THEY BUILD THEIR FORTRESS WE WILL BE ABLE TO RULE ETERNIA FROM THIS MOMENT ON!

FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE ISSUE 8 OF MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE!

SHORTLY...

COME, MY HENCHMEN. WE'LL GO TO WHERE CASTLE GRAYSKULL WILL EVENTUALLY BE BUILT AND SET A TRAP FOR WHEN THE ELDERS GET THERE.

A GREAT IDEA, SKELETOR!

I THINK IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN HE THINKS IT IS, MASTER!

MEANWHILE ...

AT LEAST ROBOTO IS STILL IN THE FUTURE...BUT WE MUST FIND SOME WAY TO GET BACK TO OUR TIME PERIOD AND STOP POLK.

NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE HIM TO DEAL WITH... BUT BEFORE HE CAUGHT US IN HIS TIME BOMB WE WERE ABOUT TO STOP HORDAK'S ATTACK ON ETERNOS...

AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW THAT HE HAS AN ALMOST FREE HAND.

WELL, IT MAY BE NO MORE THAN FORCE OF HABIT, BUT I THINK OUR PLACE TO BEGIN IS AT THE SITE OF WHAT WILL ONE DAY BE CASTLE GRAYSKULL...

SOON, THE BAND OF MIGHTY HEROES ARRIVE AT THE CLEARING WHERE CASTLE GRAYSKULL WILL STAND IN THE FUTURE ...

THIS IS THE PLACE. EVEN WITHOUT GRAYSKULL, I CAN FEEL A STRONG PRESENCE OF GOOD.

LET'S HOPE IT IS ENOUGH TO KEEP SKELETOR AT BAY...

YES. THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO STRIKE.

SUDDENLY...

HE, HE! WE KNEW THAT YOU AND YOUR WARRIORS WOULD RUN HERE FOR PROTECTION!

SKELETOR! SO HE HAS ALREADY WORKED OUT WHAT IS GOING ON.

WE SEEM TO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE HERE. NO DOUBT WE HAVE INCREASED OUR POWER BY BEING SO CLOSE TO THIS SOURCE OF GOOD.

POW!

ZAAP!

WHO OSH...

THE EVIL WARRIORS SOON LEARN THAT THEY ARE STILL NO MATCH FOR THE HEROIC WARRIORS ...

IT IS USELESS TO FIGHT THEM HERE, FELLOW WARRIORS. THEY HAVE GAINED EXTRA STRENGTH FROM THE SOURCE. FOLLOW ME AWAY FROM HERE.

SKELETOR IS NO FOOL. HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON. HE'LL HAVE GUESSED THAT IF WE ARE STRONGER HERE, THEN HE WILL HAVE THE UPPER HAND AT WHAT WILL ONE DAY BE SNAKE MOUNTAIN ...

BUT HE'LL NEED A WAY TO FORCE US THERE...

... AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT THE BAIT WILL BE...

THE ELDERS OF ETERNIA!

WE KNOW THAT A TIME OF GREAT DANGER IS COMING TO ETERNIA AND WE ARE GATHERED HERE SO THAT WE MAY CONSTRUCT A FORTRESS AGAINST SUCH DARK POWERS. A CASTLE TO STAND FOR THE JUST AND RIGHTEOUS EVERYWHERE.

WE HAVE THE GEM-STONE OF POWER. THE TIME HAS COME.

THE ELDERS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED BY SKELETOR AND HIS AGENTS OF EVIL...

WE HAVE TIMED OUR ATTACK PERFECTLY AND ATTACKED AT THE EXACT MOMENT GRAYSKULL WAS ABOUT TO BE CREATED.

INVADERS! I HAVE NEVER SEEN THESE CREATURES BEFORE, BUT WE MUST STOP THEIR ASSAULT!

KAPOW

BLAM!

ZIIIP!

ZAP!

TAKEN BY SURPRISE, THE ELDERS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE ATTACK BY SKELETOR. SOON THEY ARE THE PRISONER OF ONE OF HIS MYSTIC ENCHANTMENTS...

HE, HE, HEE! ALREADY I HAVE THE ELDERS IN MY POWER. SOON I WILL ADD THE DEFEATED HE-MAN TO MY COLLECTION...

ZAAAKZ!

WITH THE ELDERS IMPRISONED, SKELETOR USES HIS REMAINING POWERS TO TELEPORT THE ENTIRE GROUP TO WHAT WILL, ONE DAY, BE SNAKE MOUNTAIN...

SPIKOR, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND HE-MAN. GO AND TELL HIM THAT IF HE WANTS TO ENSURE THAT THE ELDERS REMAIN UNHARMED THEN HE HAD BETTER COME HERE. AND FAST.

YES, MASTER.

IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR SPIKOR TO REACH HE-MAN AND GIVE HIM SKELETOR'S MESSAGE

IF WE GO TO SNAKE MOUNTAIN, SKELETOR WILL HAVE THE POWER TO WIN THE NEXT BATTLE BETWEEN US.

YET IF WE DON'T GO, THE ELDERS WILL BE AT HIS MERCY... AND GRAYSKULL WILL NEVER BE BUILT.

I TAKE IT YOU ARE COMING THEN!

RELUCTANTLY, HE-MAN AND HIS FRIENDS FOLLOW SPIKOR TO SKELETOR'S CAMP...

IT IS SO GOOD OF YOU TO COME, HE-MAN. YOU HAVE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR BELOVED ELDERS...

YOU FIEND! WE HAVE KEPT OUR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN...

BUT HE-MAN, YOU FORGET THAT I AM PURE EVIL! HA, HA, HA!

GOODBYE, ELDERS OF ETERNIA!

NOOOO!

FAAAAZ...

KAZOOOM

HE, HE, HE! THE ELDERS ARE GONE AND GRAYSKULL WILL NEVER BE BUILT!

YOU WILL PAY FOR THAT, SKELETOR!

WAZAAM!

FUNNY. I DIDN'T EXPECT THE EXPLOSION TO MAKE THE ELDERS DISAPPEAR. I MUST BE MORE POWERFUL THAN I THOUGHT.

YOU HAVE DESTROYED EVERYTHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME, SKELETOR. IN OUR FUTURE, FOLK IS ATTACKING ETERNIA AND HERE IN OUR PAST YOU HAVE DESTROYED THE ELDERS...

...AND YOU HAVE JUST WON YOURSELF THE GREATEST FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE!

YOU CANNOT WIN, HE-MAN! HERE YOU ARE LESS POWERFUL THAN I. YOU HAVE LESS MEN... AND EVEN IF YOU **DO** WIN, YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FIGHT FOR. THE ELDERS ARE GONE... FOREVER!

ZUUMP!

WOOSH

ZAP

AND THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST FIGHT!

WHAM!

WITH THE ELDERS GONE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FUTURE OF ETERNIA? WILL SKELETOR DEFEAT HE-MAN? WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ETERNIA WHILE HE-MAN IS IN THE PAST? DON'T MISS ISSUE 10 OF MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE FAKER STRIKES

Master Mail

Dear Scrollos,
I am glad that there is now a comic featuring the adventures of **He-Man.** Can you tell me if Hordak will gather more Evil Warriors? Well, I'd better go now, because Skeletor's knocking on the front door and demanding that I tell him the secrets of Grayskull! But don't worry, your secrets are safe with me!

Richard Callaghan, NUN-EATON.

I know we can trust you not to tell Skeletor what you know about Grayskull, Richard. Hordak will eventually call on more Evil Warriors to join him, but for now he has his Horde and the Horde Troopers!

Dear Scrollos,
I would like to see more of Webstor in your comic. Also, I would like to see a profile page about various Masters. Finally, how about a page on Orko's magic tricks?

Lee Tetley, MINSHIP, Nr. YORKSHIRE

Thank you for your suggestions, Lee. We are already working on a page showing various tricks. Webstor will be making a few appearances in future stories and, to complete your day, we will be having a profile page. How's that for service?

Dear Scrollos,
Yesterday I had an accident at school. I bumped into somebody and hurt my nose and my dad had to take me to hospital for X-rays! As I am off school today, I thought I would write to you.

Matthew Larkham. BRISTOL.

I hope you have recovered from your accident by now, Matt. I guess you will be more careful in future!

Dear Scrollos,
I have kept **He-Man's** secret for a long time. I want to share it but I cannot, because the Universe would be in danger! Have you a solution to this problem?

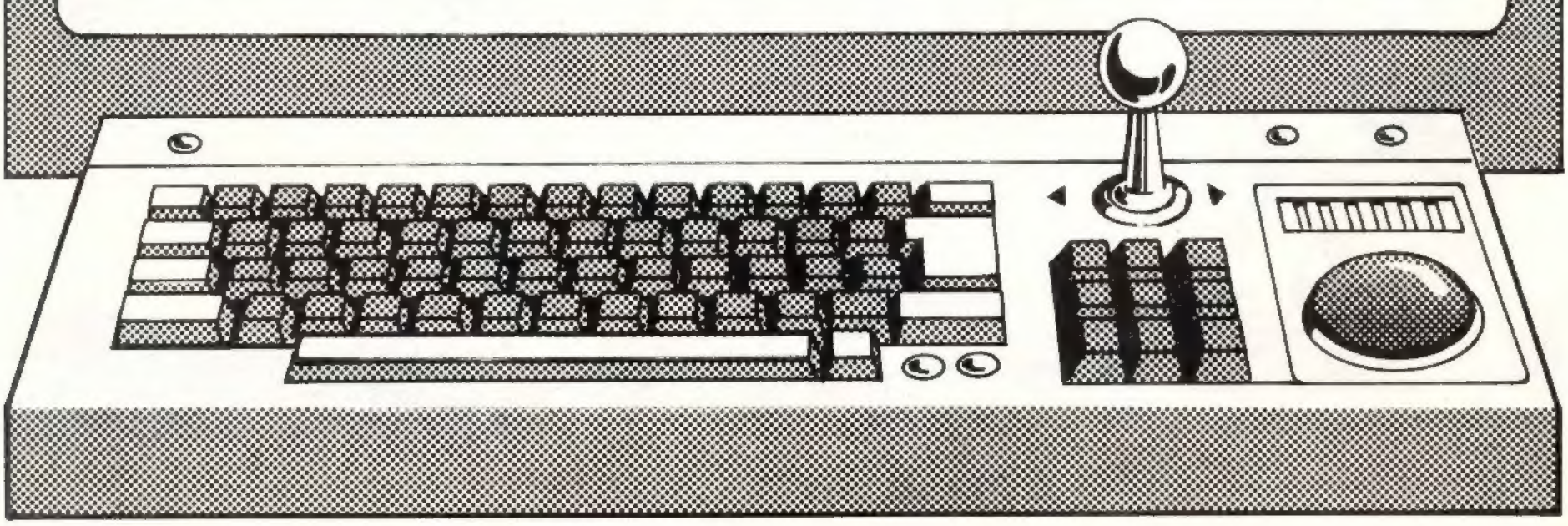
No name, MYRTELVILLE, IRELAND.

I am proud that you have kept your secret for so long. Why not find someone you can trust and let them in on the secret? Whatever you do, don't tell any of the Evil Warriors! Good luck.

Dear Scrollos,
I especially like the Orko the Magician stories and Strange Universe. I like Strange Universe because I can learn so much about space.

Colin Scrowther, MORPETH.

You and Man-At-Arms should get along well together, Colin! As you know, Man-At-Arms is fascinated by science, especially space. Perhaps one day you will be like him, a scientist!



MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

THE PLANET OF PLANTS

IN ORDER TO RELAX AFTER A WORKOUT, BATTLE CAT OFTEN TAKES A STROLL THROUGH THE ETERNIAN WOODS. ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE SPOTS TO VISIT IS THE **POOL OF SHADOWS** WHERE HE CAN TAKE A LONG DRINK OF WATER AND A SHORT SNOOZE...

YOU WERE RIGHT, HORDAK. **BATTLE CAT** IS GOING TO THE POOL OF SHADOWS... BUT HOW WILL THAT HELP YOU TO WIN THE THRONE OF ETERNIA?

BECAUSE WHEN BATTLE CAT DRINKS FROM THE POOL HE WILL GET FAR MORE THAN MERE WATER...

WHEN BATTLE CAT GETS TO THE POOL...

IT'S NICE TO GET SOME TIME OFF TO REST. I'LL HAVE A DRINK AND THEN SETTLE DOWN FOR A SNOOZE.

THIS FLUID WILL TAKE CARE OF BATTLE CAT. WE CAN THEN OFFER HE-MAN A CURE FOR THE ILLNESS... IN RETURN FOR THE **THRONE OF ETERNIA!**

ANOTHER BRILLIANT IDEA, MASTER!

I HOPE THIS IDEA **WORKS!**

OHHH, I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD. MY HEAD'S SPINNING AND MY TONGUE FEELS LIKE IT'S ON FIRE.

BATTLE CAT! WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU LOOK SO ILL...

THE SICKLY BATTLE CAT MAKES HIS **SLOW** AND **PAINFUL** WAY BACK TO ETERNOS...

UHHH, I CERTAINLY **FEEL** ILL, OLD FRIEND.

BATTLE CAT IS CARRIED TO THE ROYAL PALACE AND EXAMINED BY THE BEST DOCTOR ON ETERNIA...

BATTLE CAT HAS BEEN POISONED. WE HAVE CHECKED THE DATA ON OUR **MEDICAL COMPUTERS** AND FOUND THAT ONLY A CERTAIN TYPE OF PLANT CAN BE USED IN THE CURE... AND THAT PLANT IS FOUND ON THE PLANET **TEEKAY...**

WELL LET'S GO AND GET WHAT WE NEED TO CURE BATTLE CAT...

AT THAT MOMENT, THE GROUP IS INTERRUPTED BY AN EXCITED GUARD...

HE-MAN, MANTENNA HAS JUST DELIVERED A NOTE FROM HORDAK! HE OFFERS A CURE FOR BATTLE CAT'S ILLNESS... IN EXCHANGE FOR THE KEYS TO GRAYSKULL!

SO THAT'S WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

WE CAN NEVER GIVE THE KEYS OF GRAYSKULL TO HORDAK...EVEN IF IT DOOMS OUR FRIEND. THEREFORE, WE MUST GET THE PLANT FLUID FROM TEEKAY.

THEN LET'S GO, HE-MAN.

IF IT'S PLANTS YOU'RE AFTER, I'M YOUR MAN!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, INSIDE CASTLE GRAYSKULL. THE ETERNIAN CHAMPIONS ENTER THE SPACE PORTAL AND BEGIN THEIR INSTANT JOURNEY TO TEEKAY...

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SET TO TELEPORT US TO TEEKAY.

LET'S HOPE THAT EVEN THIS RAPID TRANSPORT IS FAST ENOUGH TO SAVE BATTLE CAT!

AS EASILY AS WALKING THROUGH A DOORWAY, THE HEROES TELEPORT TO THE PLANET TEEKAY...

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THIS WORLD BEFORE. NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE PLANTS WE NEED FOR CURING BATTLE CAT.

THE DOCTOR SHOWED US A PICTURE OF THE PLANT WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

I'LL FLY ABOVE AND SEE WHAT I CAN SPOT FROM THE AIR.

SUDDENLY...

THE PLANTS HAVE COME ALIVE...AND WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

DEFEND YOURSELVES, MASTERS!

IT'S NO GOOD, THE PLANTS ARE TOO STRONG FOR US... AND TOO MANY!

UGH! THESE PLANTS ARE EVERYWHERE. MOSS MAN, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING?

I'M TRYING... BUT MY POWER OVER PLANTS IS WEAKENED ON THIS WORLD. MY COMMADS AREN'T GETTING THROUGH.

SUDDENLY...

I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF THIS PLANT... BEING PULLED TOWARDS THIS FLOWER HEAD!

A WEIRD SENSATION IS CLOUDING MY MIND... I CAN FEEL MY THOUGHTS BEING PROBED.

BUZZ OFF, MOSS MAN! STOP FIGHTING. THE PLANTS HAVE MADE MIND CONTACT WITH ME. WE ARE IN NO DANGER.

WHEN THE HEROES STOP FIGHTING, THEY ARE TAKEN BEFORE ONE OF THE RULERS OF THE PLANT WORLD ...

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS THINK AND THE PLANTS WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP OUR THOUGHTS. WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO 'HEAR' WHAT THEY SAY TO US.

HMMM, I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE!

WELL PERHAPS THIS WILL BE ENOUGH PROOF FOR YOU...

WHY DID YOU ATTACK US? WE DID NOTHING TO THREATEN YOU.

BECAUSE YOU ARE ANIMALS AND WE PLANTS HAVE A HISTORY OF BEING HARMED BY ANIMALS. ALSO, WE DIDN'T **ATTACK** YOU, WE MERELY TRIED TO **STOP** YOU.

"WAY BACK IN TIME, THE RULING ANIMALS ON THIS PLANET NEARLY DESTROYED ALL LIFE IN A PLANET-WIDE WAR. A WAR THAT WIPED OUT ALL ANIMAL LIFE...ONLY WE PLANTS SURVIVED. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE GROWN EVER MORE INTELLIGENT..."

KER-BOOOOOM!

"WE SWORE THEN THAT ANIMALS WOULD NEVER AGAIN RULE OUR WORLD. NATURALLY, WHEN YOU ARRIVED WE BECAME CONCERNED."

THEN YOU KNOW WHY WE HAVE COME HERE. CAN YOU HELP US?

NO.

SUDDENLY, VARIOUS VINES AND PLANTS ON THE GROUND PART TO REVEAL A DEEP PIT ...

I'M SORRY... BUT TO GIVE YOU THE PLANTS YOU NEED WOULD BE MURDER. IT IS THE SAME AS YOU GIVING PEOPLE TO ME. I MUST KEEP YOU IMPRISONED UNTIL YOU ARE NO LONGER A DANGER TO US.

A PIT! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!

A STICKY GUM IS BEING SHOT AT ME... PREVENTING ME FROM FLYING AWAY!

THE HEROES ARE PLUNGED INTO A DEEP PIT AND TRAPPED THERE BY THE PLANTS...

WHAT A DILEMMA... I CAN EASILY USE MY SWORD TO BURST OUT OF THIS TRAP:.. BUT TO DO SO WOULD INJURE THE PLANTS.

AND WE HAVE SWORN NEVER TO HARM ANY INTELLIGENT CREATURE.

YES, THESE SUPER-INTELLIGENT PLANTS DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT... EVEN IF THEY INTEND TO KEEP US PRISONER UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE TO SAVE BATTLE CAT!

UGH! A TENTACLE... DROPPING BESIDE US!

DON'T BE ALARMED... I HAVE COME TO HELP YOU. FOLLOW ME TO THE SURFACE. MY FRIENDS WILL OPEN A GAP FOR YOU TO LEAVE.

THE 'CAGE' OF PLANTS PART TO ALLOW THE HEROES TO CLIMB TO THE SURFACE...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE THIS MUCH FLUID FROM ONE PLANT WITHOUT CAUSING IT GREAT HARM. SO EACH OF US MADE A VERY SMALL... AND HARMLESS... DONATION AND WISH TO OFFER IT TO YOU IN FRIENDSHIP.

THANK YOU. THIS IS ALL WE NEED TO SAVE OUR FRIEND.

SUDDENLY...

AWK! THE VOLCANO ON MATMOS MOUNT HAS ERUPTED. IT HAS STARTED A FIRE! WE ARE ALL DOOMED!

KRACK!

FEAR NOT! YOU HELPED US AND THIS GIVES US THE CHANCE TO REPAY THE FAVOUR. COME ON, MASTERS... WE ARE NEEDED!

WHEN THE HEROES ARRIVE AT THE FIRE...

MY WINGS HAVE NOW DRIED OUT, SO I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN SPOT FROM THE AIR.

WE'LL TRY AND BUILD A GAP...OR FIREBREAKER... BETWEEN THE FIRE AND THE PLANTS.

AS BUZZ-OFF FLIES ABOVE A NEARBY MOUNTAIN...

HMMM, THAT MOUNTAIN TOP LAKE GIVES ME AN IDEA... AND FOR THAT WE'LL NEED HE-MAN'S SWORD!

HE-MAN, I HAVE AN IDEA. COME WITH ME.

I HOPE IT'S A GOOD ONE, BUZZ-OFF. OTHERWISE EVERYTHING IS LOST AS FAR AS THIS WORLD IS CONCERNED.

THOOM!

ONE GOOD BLAST FROM MY SWORD SHOULD DO IT...

IT'S WORKING! THE WATER IS FALLING ONTO THE FLAMES.

AS THE HEROES RETURN TO GROUND LEVEL...

THE WATER HAS DOUSED THE FIRE. THE PLANTS ARE SAVED!

SPEAKING OF SAVING...WE MUST GET BACK TO ETERNOS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SAVE BATTLE CAT!

AS THE HEROES NEAR THE SPACE PORTAL, THEY ARE STOPPED BY AN ARMY OF PLANTS...

STOP!

WE'RE SURROUNDED... BY HUNDREDS OF PLANTS!

I COULD FLY ABOVE THEM WITH THE FLUID AND...

THERE IS NO NEED... FRIEND. IT WAS WRONG TO IMPRISON YOU... BUT I WAS MERELY TRYING TO PROTECT MY FELLOW CREATURES. YOUR BRAVERY IN DEALING WITH THE FIRE HAS SHOWN ME THAT NOT ALL ANIMALS ARE CRUEL OR DANGEROUS. TAKE THE FLUID YOU HAVE AND GO IN PEACE.

WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU MAKE IT TO YOUR FRIEND IN TIME TO SAVE HIM.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY. GOODBYE.

AFTER SAYING THEIR GOODBYES, THE HEROES USE THE PORTAL TO RETURN TO ETERNIA...

NOW TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS AND GET TO BATTLE CAT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE TITANIC TRIO RUSH TO THE ROYAL PALACE AND GIVE THE LIFE-SAVING FLUID TO BATTLE CAT...

THANK THE TWIN MOONS THAT WE MADE IT IN TIME.

WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN IN TO HORDAK'S BLACKMAIL. IF WE DID IT WOULD ENDANGER EVERY-ONE. EVIL COULD TAKE ANYONE AND USE THEM AS A HOSTAGE TO FORCE US TO DO WHAT THEY WANT.

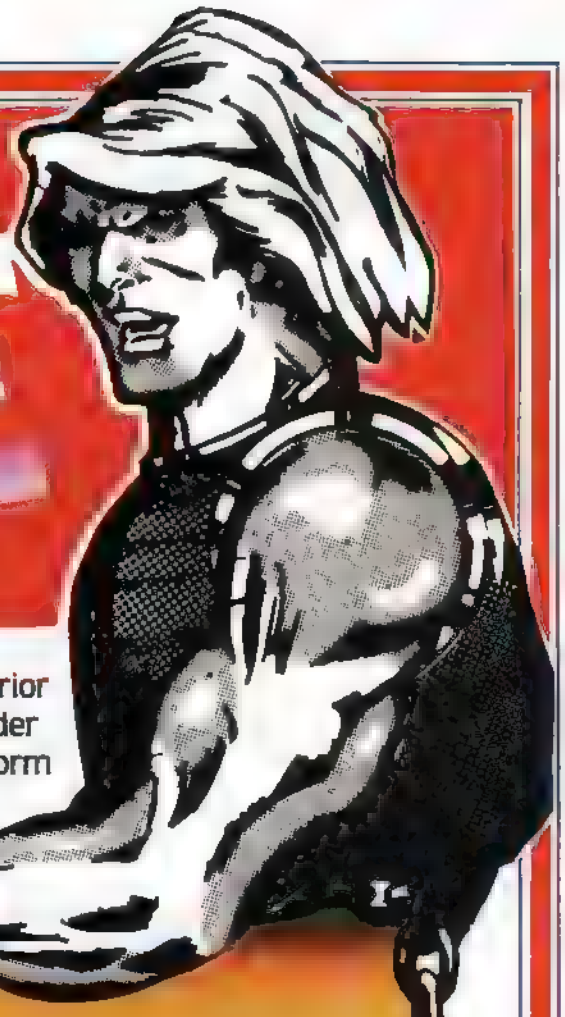
SLOWLY, THE FLUID TAKES EFFECT, UNTIL...

I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW. BUT I CAN THINK OF A CERTAIN **HORDAK** WHO WON'T FEEL TOO GOOD WHEN I GET MY PAWS ON HIM!

YOU'RE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE THE OLD BATTLE CAT WE KNOW AND LOVE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE CITY OF GLASS

Your chance to get all this FREE



Hold your nose! A foul master of odours lurks in Eternia. He is driving a fearsome new Monster/Vehicle:- hungry and on the hunt for any heroic warrior that steps into the path of its menacing jaws. But he faces the fearless leader of the Rock People who is aided by another battling warrior who can transform into a comet, and the amazing new master of camouflage.

You could win all five of these new Masters Of The Universe items.

Just tell us what their correct names are!

To help you find out, watch for our latest advertisements and visit your local toyshop.

Simply write your answers on a postcard together with your own name and address, stamp it, and send to **MOTU Competition 9, PO Box 111, Egmont House, Manchester M60 3BL.**

The first ten correct entries drawn out will receive all of the exciting new items shown in our picture.

All entries must be received by Friday 8th August, 1986.
Winners will be notified as soon as possible after this date.

To keep up-to-date with all the action and fun on Eternia why not join the MOTU club? Full details are on the back cover of this magazine.

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE CLUB

MATTEL

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

THE UNWANTED GIFT

IN THE ROYAL PALACE OF ETERNIA, QUEEN MARLENA IS BEING HONOURED WITH A GIFT FROM THE GRATEFUL INHABITANTS OF THE FOREST OF ROCKS...

WHEN OUR CROPS FAILED LAST YEAR, IT WAS YOUR GIFTS OF FOOD, QUEEN MARLENA, THAT SAVED US FROM STARVATION. IN RETURN WE WISH YOU TO HAVE THIS GIFT...

BUT AS THE QUEEN EXAMINES HER GIFT...

FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER A FAMINE EMERGENCY IN THE FOREST OF ROCKS.

MOTHER! THIS 'OLD WOMAN' WEARS THE RING OF SKELETOR ...DON'T OPEN THE BOX!

TOO LATE, PRINCE ADAM...

...THE QUEEN HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO THE MYSTIC CRYSTAL! UNLESS YOU GIVE THE THRONE OVER TO ME, THE QUEEN IS DOOMED!

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T REMEMBER THE FAMINE HE SPOKE OF...

YES. IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS FOUL PLAN TO HARM THE QUEEN!

AS SKELETOR DISAPPEARS IN A CLOUD OF VAPOUR, THE ROYAL SUBJECTS LEARN THE FULL HORROR OF SKELETOR'S SINISTER SCHEME...

MY QUEEN! SHE HAS BEEN BEWITCHED! TRANSFORMED INTO SOLID STONE!

ADAM, I THINK WE OUGHT TO FIND HE-MAN...

AND I KNOW JUST WHERE TO FIND HIM...

TAKING HIS CUE FROM MAN-AT-ARMS, ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT ADAM AND HE-MAN ARE ONE AND THE SAME, ADAM MAKES AN EXCUSE TO LEAVE THE THRONE ROOM AND TRANSFORM INTO...

HE-MAN!

THE COURT PHYSICIANS KNEW THAT THE ONLY CURE FOR THE QUEEN'S ILLNESS WAS IN THE UNDERWATER CITY OF MERLANTIS. WITHOUT A MOMENT TO WASTE, HE-MAN AND MAN-AT-ARMS SET OFF TO GET THE SERUM...

WE MUST GET TO MERLANTIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AND LET'S HOPE WE CAN CONVINCE THEM TO SHARE THE CURE WITH US.

AS THE HEROIC DUO TRAVEL ON, THEY FIND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED BY A STRANGE MIST...

STRANGE, I'VE NEVER SEEN A MIST FORM HERE BEFORE.

DRAW YOUR MACE, MAN-AT-ARMS, SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE COMPANY.

SUDDENLY...

HANDS FORMING OUT OF THE MIST! WE'RE HELPLESS... OUR BLOWS MERELY PASS THROUGH IT!

OUR PHYSICAL POWERS CAN'T HELP US... BUT PERHAPS THE DEAD BRANCHES ON THE GROUND WILL SAVE US!

I'LL SET FIRE TO THESE DRY BRANCHES. LUCKILY THIS PATCH OF GROUND IS SURROUNDED BY ROCKS SO THAT THE FIRE CAN'T SPREAD.

ZAAK!

IT'S WORKING! THE HEAT FROM THE FIRE IS CARRYING THE MIST UPWARD AND OUT OF OUR WAY!

JUST LIKE A HOT AIR BALLOON! EXCELLENT, HE-MAN.

WITH THE MIST CREATURE DEFEATED THE HEROIC DUO SOON REACH THE COAST...

MERLANTIS LIES UNDERWATER TO THE WEST OF HERE.

THE LAST TIME WE MADE CONTACT WITH THEM THEY WERE FRIENDLY. LET'S HOPE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO CHANGE THAT.

IF IT HAS, THEN I'M AFRAID THAT MY MOTHER, THE QUEEN, IS DOOMED.

CHOOSING THE BEST DEPARTURE POINT, THE HEROES WADE INTO THE ETERNIAN OCEAN AND THE WATERY REALM OF MERLANTIS...

MY AIR-TANK WILL ALLOW ME TO BREATHE UNDERWATER.

I'LL FILL MY POWERFUL LUNGS WITH AIR. SINCE I CAN HOLD MY BREATH FOR A LONG TIME I DON'T NEED AN AIR-TANK.

ONCE UNDERWATER, THE DUO SOON SEE MERLANTIS...

WE CAN NEVER SURRENDER THE THRONE TO SKELETOR. WHICH MEANS THAT UNLESS WE ARE GIVEN THE SERUM WE NEED MY MOTHER IS DOOMED TO REMAIN A COLD, OBJECT OF STONE!

AS THEY ENTER THE CITY...

STRANGE... YOU'D THINK SOMEONE WOULD HAVE SEEN US COMING.

THEN WE'D BEST BE ON OUR GUARD.

IT'S SO QUIET. MERLANTIS IS A BUSY CITY, IT SHOULD BE TEEMING WITH PEOPLE.

THE HEROES SEARCH THE DESERTED STREETS UNTIL ...

YAAA! A TRAP!

GO LIMP AND TRY TO ROLL WITH THE FALL!

SROOSH!

THE HEROES LOOK UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PIT TO SEE THE FACE OF THEIR CAPTOR ...

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ALL A PLAN TO TRAP US.

MER-MAN! SO YOU ARE BEHIND ALL THIS.

EXACTLY! SKELETOR KNEW THAT BY CHANGING THE QUEEN TO STONE, YOU WOULD BE FORCED TO COME HERE FOR THE CURE. SINCE I HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL ALL SEA-CREATURES... INCLUDING THE MERLANTEANS... IT WAS EASY TO SET THIS TRAP!

ANYWAY, I MUST GO HE-MAN. YOU HAVE A PRESSING ENGAGEMENT!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

THE WALLS! THEY'RE BEGINNING TO CLOSE IN ON US!

I'M NOT SURE IF EVEN MY STRENGTH CAN HOLD BACK THE WALLS.

MER-MAN GLEEFULLY WATCHES AS THE WALLS MOVE EVER CLOSER TOGETHER ...

HE, HE! SKELETOR WILL BE PLEASED WITH THIS. AT LAST IT IS THE END OF HE-MAN!

IT'S NO GOOD, MAN-AT-ARMS. THE CRUSHING POWER BEHIND THESE WALLS IS TOO GREAT!

WITH HE-MAN DESTROYED, SKELETOR WILL BE ABLE TO LEAD HIS ATTACK ON ETERNOS AND TAKE THE THRONE BY FORCE.

KLUNK!

AS THE WALLS AUTOMATICALLY REOPEN, MER-MAN IS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT THE PIT IS EMPTY...

IMPOSSIBLE! WHERE COULD THEY HAVE ESCAPED TO? I MUST INVESTIGATE.

WHEN MER-MAN REACHES THE BOTTOM HE IS FURTHER SHOCKED BY...

AWK! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

I USED MY SWORD TO DIG A TRENCH IN THE SOIL. AS THE WALLS CLOSED THEY PASSED OVER THE TOP OF US. MY POWERFUL LUNGS ALLOWED ME TO BREATHE!

AND I USED MY AIR-TANK.

AND NOW, MER-MAN, RELEASE YOUR MENTAL HOLD ON THE MERLANTEANS!

AGH! OKAY, HE-MAN... I'LL DO SO IF YOU LET ME GO.

A FINE DEAL, HE-MAN. AFTER ALL, SKELETOR WILL PUNISH HIM FOR FAILING HIS MISSION.

SUDDENLY...

BUT, HE HASN'T FAILED, HE-MAN!

SKELETOR! AND THE WALLS ARE CLOSING AGAIN!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

AND THIS TIME WE CAN'T HIDE IN A TRENCH WITHOUT LEAVING MER-MAN TO HIS DOOM. AS EVIL AS HE IS, WE HAVE VOWED TO PROTECT ALL CREATURES, EVEN MER-MAN. IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE TRAPPED!

SUDDENLY...

NOW THAT WE ARE NO LONGER HELD AGAINST OUR WILL WE CAN HELP HE-MAN!

MER-MAN HAS RELEASED US FROM HIS CONTROL!

WH-WHAT? THE MERLANTEANS ARE REBELLING AGAINST ME!

SKELETOR IS TOO BUSY WITH THE MERLANTEANS TO PREVENT THE RESCUE OF THE ETERNIANS...

BLAMM!

THANKS, FRIENDS! NOW WE CAN DEAL WITH SKELETOR!

THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG...

WE ARE SWORN TO HELP ANYBODY WHO NEEDS OUR HELP... EVEN THOSE WHO OPPOSE US!

SKELETOR WOULD HAVE LEFT ME TO MY DOOM!

AND NOW, SKELETOR, WE HAVE A BATTLE TO DECIDE!

SEEING THAT HIS EVIL PLOT IS SMASHED, SKELETOR PREPARES HIS ESCAPE...

WITH THE MERLANTEANS AND THE ETERNIANS AGAINST ME I DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

HERE'S SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED, HE-MAN, WHILE MER-MAN AND MYSELF ESCAPE!

KER-LACK!

THE FIEND! HE KNOWS THAT I MUST PROTECT INNOCENT LIVES. TO SAVE THESE PEOPLE WE'LL HAVE TO LET HIM GO. MAN-AT-ARMS, OVER HERE!

FORCED INTO IGNORING THE DIABOLICAL DUO, HE-MAN AND MAN-AT-ARMS RUSH TO THE AID OF THE MERLANTEANS...

WE ALMOST HAD SKELETOR THAT TIME, HE-MAN. I HATE TO LET HIM GO LIKE THIS.

SO DO I... BUT HUMAN LIFE MUST ALWAYS COME FIRST.

BY THE TIME THE MERLANTEANS ARE RESCUED, SKELETOR IS GONE. LATER, WHEN ALL IS EXPLAINED...

YOU HAVE EXPLAINED WHY YOU NEED THE SERUM AND NATURALLY WE WISH TO HELP. HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED. WE ALL PRAY THAT YOU RETURN IN TIME.

WE WILL SEND A MESSENGER TO INFORM YOU OF THE RESULTS. FAREWELL, GOOD AND NOBLE FRIEND.

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WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR MISSION COMPLETED, THE HEROES RETURN TO THE SURFACE WORLD...

LET'S HOPE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN WHILE WE HAVE BEEN AWAY.

SHE IS IN THE BEST OF CARE, HE-MAN. AS YOU WILL SOON SEE.

THE HEROIC DUO ARRIVE BACK AT THE ROYAL PALACE WITH THE SERUM AND MAN-AT-ARMS POURS THE FLUID THROUGH THE STONE-COLD LIPS OF THE QUEEN...

THE SERUM SHOULD WORK ALMOST INSTANTLY.

BY THE TWIN MOONS, I PRAY THAT IT WORKS.

AS THE MYSTERIOUS MEDICINE SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE QUEEN'S STONE BODY, A HAPPY TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TO TAKE PLACE...

IT'S WORKING! THE SPELL OF STONE IS BEING DISSOLVED!

WITH THE TRANSFORMATION COMPLETE, THE QUEEN IS RETURNED TO HER NORMAL SELF. ALL ETERNOS REJOICES AT THE NEWS...

THANK YOU, HE-MAN. THIS SHOWS US HOW LOW SKELETOR IS WILLING TO STOOP TO TRAP YOU. WE MUST ALWAYS BE ON OUR GUARD. WITH THE QUEEN BACK TO HER TRUE SELF I AM A HAPPY MAN.

AS AM I YOUR HIGHNESS.

IF YOU KNEW THAT I AM REALLY YOUR SON, THEN YOU WOULD KNOW HOW HAPPY I TRUELY AM.

ADAM HAS HID HIMSELF DURING OUR GREAT SORROW. I WISH I COULD FIND HIM TO TELL HIM THE WONDERFUL NEWS.

I'LL TRY AND FIND HIM FOR YOU. I THINK I KNOW WHERE HE MIGHT BE.

WELL I FEEL CERTAIN THAT HE-MAN WILL BE ABLE TO FIND ADAM, YOUR MAJESTY. ISN'T THAT SO, HE-MAN?

WINK

YOU ARE USUALLY RIGHT IN THESE MATTERS, MAN-AT-ARMS. I'LL GO AND SEARCH FOR ADAM.

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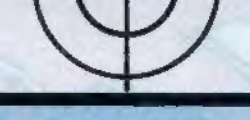
He-Man was once challenged by Grotog the Demon to solve this problem. Grotog was a friendly demon... but he loved to play games. When He-Man came to his cave one day to ask for Grotog's help, the demon said that he would be glad to help He-Man, once he solved a...to him...simple problem!

Grotog showed He-Man a cake he had just baked and asked him to make three cuts in the cake so that ***eight*** *slices were made! He-Man thought for a while and then made his three cuts. Needless to say, He-Man solved the problem and Grotog agreed to help him. How did He-Man solve the problem?*

SOLUTION

He-Man cut the cake in the following manner:
One cut ***around*** *and two across!*



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